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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Staff Meeting Minutes of 7 September 1983

The Director chaired the meeting. []

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The Director noted that he had this weekend read the book on NSA, "The Puzzle Palace" by James Bamford. Commenting on its comprehensiveness and inaccuracies, he discussed the pros and cons of contacts with the media. In this connection, he said he hoped that his session last week with Philip Taubman of the New York Times may have helped to blunt/correct some of the sensationalism that was trying to be achieved in a forthcoming article on CIA in the New York Times Magazine. []

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The Director requested some general information for his use with PFIAB on 8 September on the progress of CIA recruiting especially that directed toward improving our economic analysis abilities and our HUMINT efforts. []

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[] reported on his participation in an ongoing review of reconnaissance systems sponsored by DoD and expressed his hope that a more reasoned approach is now in the offing. []

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Hineman reported that Under Secretary of Defense DeLauer's visit to [] on Friday went well. []

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Fitzwater reported that procedures for security checks at Headquarters' gates are being tightened to require positive identification of all personnel entering the compound. []

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Fitzwater noted that on 1 October the Prompt Payment Act will go into effect requiring payment of all bills by the US Government within 30 days or the accrual of an interest penalty. []

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In response to a question from the Director, Childs assured him that CIA will be able to meet its current payroll obligations and that no furloughing of personnel will be required. []

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Gates referred to the leak last week of a DDI status report on the effect of sanctions on Soviet pipeline construction noting that this paper was an initial and very restricted effort to answer a specific question. He reviewed conclusions of a more comprehensive paper just completed which addresses implications for the Soviet economy of embargo on oil and gas equipment and technology. []

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[] reported that NFIB is scheduled to address next week the SNIE on INF negotiations and the IIM on the Soviet ABM program the following week.

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